THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C.KHANDURI): (a) The stretch from Rangia to Jonai in Assam comprises two National Highway (i) NH 31 from Rangia to Baihata Chariali and (ii) NH 52 from Baihata Chariali to Jonai. On Rangia-Baihata Chariali stretch of NH-31, one work amounting to Rs. 302.99 lakhs and on Baihata Chariali-Jonai stretch of NH-52, two works amounting to Rs. 383.80 lakhs have been sanctioned during 2001-02 to improve the National Highways.

(b) to (d) Above works will be carried out by State Government of Assam because NH 31 is entrusted to the State Government and works on NH 52 had been sanctioned before entrustment of the NH from State Government to Border Roads Organization. The works are targeted for completion by April, 2003.

CNG buses in Delhi

1303. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transport buses required to cater to the needs of the commuters and the public in general in Delhi; and

(b) the number of CNG buses at present on Delhi roads and how far the needs are fulfilled with diesel buses indicating the plan to phase out the diesel buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Regulation of transport services in Delhi is primarily the concern of Government of National Capital Territory

of Delhi. Central Government is, therefore, not in a position to comment thereon.

Amount from CRF for repair of roads in Karnataka

1304. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released so far during 2001-2002 to Karnataka from Central Road Fund for taking up repair of roads;

(b) how many kms of roads taken up for repairs in Karnataka out of the above fund during 2001-2002, district-wise;

(c) whether the State has sought for additional amount to take up repairs of bad roads in North Karnataka areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) An amount of Rs. 19.17 crore was released to Karnataka in November, 2000 from State's annual accrual of Rs. 57.50 crore for, year 2000-2001 from revamped Central Road Fund. During 2001-2002, utilization certificate for only Rs. 5.62 crore has been received so far from Karnataka and further funds to the tune of Rs. 5.62 crore have been released during 2001-2002 from Central Road Fund.